



Phonological Awareness**Treasure Chest****Rhyming****Activity 3: Rhyming Books, Poems, and Songs**

Read books, poems (nursery rhymes work very well), and songs that include rhyming words with the children. In introducing a rhyming book or poem, read or recite it first for the children while emphasizing its rhythm and rhyme.

To engage the children:

-  While reading the book, emphasize the rhyming words by whispering or saying them louder than the other text.
-  Use the Cloze technique during rereadings to prompt children to provide the rhyming word. (Cloze technique: While reading a familiar book or poem, the teacher deliberately pauses at a rhyming or new vocabulary word, allowing time for the children to supply the word.)

(Note: This activity is taken from the CIRCLE manual.)